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MID Action Secures Over \$66,000 in Refunds for Poultry Farmers

JACKSON - Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney announced today that the Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) has taken action against Indiana based agent Timothy Allen Craig who is also licensed to do business in Mississippi.

In a consent agreement with the Department, Craig has refunded approximately \$66,500 dollars in policy fees to poultry farmers. The refund, to 500 insureds, was for inspections of poultry facilities that were never performed.

Inspections of poultry facilities are generally required before insurance coverage is issued. Poultry farmers must have each covered building inspected to meet criteria set by the insurance company, such as:

- age and condition of property
- no trees, bushes or underbrush within 100 feet of a poultry house in any direction
- no storing of hay or other combustible materials in a compost shed
- must have an operational monitoring system with either a dialer system or a local siren (the dialer system is preferred)
- frame construction is preferred (trusses)

Craig has also paid a \$1,000 fine to the MID and his Mississippi license is on probation for 1 year.

"My job as the Mississippi Insurance Commissioner is to protect our policyholders. When we produce positive outcomes investigating complaints against companies and agents, as was done in this case, we have succeeded in our goal of protecting Mississippi consumers," Chaney said.

Anyone with a complaint against an agent or company should contact the Mississippi Insurance Department at 800-562-2957, or they may file their complaint on-line at www.mid.state.ms.us.

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